



## **The Commissioner and I: The Little Timmy Simpkins Letters**

### **The PSC Work Ethic**

It is common knowledge among participants in the Georgia utility regulatory process that Stan Wise is the laziest Commissioner to ever hold the post. Apparently, the PSC Staff leaked this information to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. Now, the press can't just report rumors, so the AJC did some research on the key card swipes to get into the PSC building and used that information to print an article about how little time Wise spends on the job.

Instead of fessing-up and promising to do better, Wise made defensive comments to the press and then followed up with a press release full of bluster and audacious assertions. Our favorite is the claim that Wise "meets constituents out of the office." Further, Stan says he goes on plant tours.

Through it all Stan still has friends among the utility lobbyists and new-found friend little Timmy Simpkins.

*Dear Commissioner Wise:*

*My daddy read about you in the paper. I want to be just like you when I grow up. The out business sounds like fun. You can sell those outs without going into the office. I asked mommy about wining and dining with the power company, but she said I'm too little to know about such things.*

*Your biggest fan,  
Timmy Simpkins*

### **Show and Tell**

*Dear Commissioner Wise:*

*I told my class at school all about how hard working you are. But the teacher says my daddy is wrong and that a constituent is not a power company lobbyist.*

*Can you come to Miss Johnson's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class and talk to us?*

*Your Friend,  
Timmy Simpkins*

### **Stan Wise Fan Club Grows**

*Dear Commissioner Wise:*

*I told my sister about how you visit plants all the time. She loves flowers so she thinks you are cool. We both want to have jobs like yours when we grow up.*

*My daddy says you won't answer my letters because I'm not old enough to vote.*

*Future voters,  
Timmy Simpkins, almost 11*

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### **Setting an Example**

*Dear Commissioner Wise,*

*I guess you can't answer my letters because you are so*

*busy meeting with constituents  
and touring plants.*

*I asked my Daddy to tell  
me what else Commissioners do.  
Wow, I had no idea.*

*I am only going into the  
5<sup>th</sup> grade, but I know that when  
I grow up I want to be a crony  
so I can give my friends other  
people's money.*

*Your biggest fan,  
Timmy Simpkins*

### **Christmas for Stan**

*Dear Commissioner Wise,*

*I wanted mommy to send  
you a fruit cake. But my daddy  
read me the news of your  
"lavish" Xmas gifts and said  
you wouldn't notice. These gifts  
must be from the happy  
customers of the outs that you  
sell.*

*Anyway, I'm thinking of  
you during the holiday season.*

*Your Biggest Fan,  
Timmy Simpkins*

*P.S. Daddy says you probably  
won't read this because you are  
so busy reading the transcripts  
of the hearings you missed.*

### **Vogle Cost Numbers Under Study**

*Dear Commissioner Wise,*

*My current events project  
for school is the nuclear Plant  
Vogle. Wow, Georgia Power says  
the project has a lot of benefits.*

*But, my Daddy says  
Georgia Power's numbers are  
about as reliable as your golf  
scores.*

*What does that mean?*

*Your Biggest Fan,  
Timmy Simpkins*